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POLYELECTROLYTE MEMBRANES AND  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith the Certified English Translation Of Priority Document. The applicant believes that they are entitled to the effective filing date of their priority application which is December 25, 1998.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 08577-00033-US.

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